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SUBJECT: LESOTHO INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO KING MOSHOESHOE II ON OCCASION LESOTHO'S NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OCTOBER 4:

QUOTE I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND TO YOUR MAJESTY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO MY WARM GOOD WISHES AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF LESOTHO'S INDEPENDENCE. LESOTHO'S COMMENDABLE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS DURING THE PAST NINE YEARS HAVE ATTRACTED THE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES. AS YOU ENTER THE TENTH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO STRENGTHENING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE, PROGRESS AND HUMAN DIGNITY FOR ALL. SIGNED GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL IN TIME TRANSMIT MESSAGE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1. HAUGHT

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